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SUBJECT: PLO LEADER REPORTEDLY SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY OF
RENEWAL OF PALESTINIAN - JORDANIAN DIALOGUE

1. KUWAITI DAILY AL RAI AL AM OF DEC 21 REPORTS THAT, AFTER
DEC 20 CALL ON KUWAITI FONMIN, PLO CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEMBER KHALID AL HASSAN EMERGED TO TELL NEWSMAN THAT HE
"SUPPORTS THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN DIALOGUE WITH
JORDAN". THIS STATEMENT REPORTEDLY WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF A
BRIEF INTERVIEW IN WHICH AL-HASSAN DISCUSSED RECENT UNGA
ACTIVITY AND NOTED THAT THERE IS "AN ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL
CONSENSUS TO SET UP A PALESTINIAN ENTITY."

2. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC
PLO REFERENCE TO THE NECESSITY OF CONSULTING JORDAN IN CONNECTION
WITH EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A PALESTINIAN "ENTITY". BEGIN LIMITED
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AND UNPRECEDENTED HINT OF POSSIBLE PLO READINESS TO CONSULT
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WITH JORDANIANS ON PLANNING FOR A PALESTINIAN FUTURE. WE
WONDER WHETHER THIS COULD BE A PORTENT OF A SIGNIFICANT
PLO POLICY CHANGE EMERGING OUT OF RECENT ARAFAT MEETINGS
WITH AL-ASAD IN DAMASCUS.
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